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(57) Abstract: A method is provided for inducing the adaptive immune response of a patient to an antigen comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a flagellin protein or peptide fragment thereof to induce an adaptive immune response to said antigen.

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